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SIR RICHARD ESCOMBE.

A Romance . . . By MAX PEMBERTON.

CHAPTER XXXVII.

THE CLUB RESOLVES.

There were some twenty of the brethren, perhaps, to attend my lord Harborne when he called a formal meeting of the Society of St. Francis towards one o'clock in the afternoon. Held in the great refectory, still cluttered with cards, the broken glasses still lying where they fell, tankards and bottles everywhere—there assembled the oddest committee meeting that clubland had ever known.

Sir Francis Dashwood, the founder of the society, was there, of course. My lord Churchill and Ailsa, full of their curiosity; the fat port Cunningham, seeking a good excuse to eat and drink; Whithead, the elegant and Whitehead the poetical—these would not be absent. As for Tobias, the chaplain, never had he cut a finer figure. The scheme he had hit upon seemed to make for the salvation of the Club. Tobias was happy again.

There had been a little discussion upon the threshold of the refectory and significant talk had passed. For one thing, those two dismal rogues, Musgrave and Cockayne, the president and the secretary, had been scolding the country as far east as Windsor, came in with the false news that all was well; while even Captains Boddeo and Rupert turned up from the barracks to declare that not a whisper of the affair had been breathed at the Castle. All these addressed Tobias in turn before he went to my lord, and shared the exchange of question and answer between them.

"You have ridden straight from Windsor," the great man asked Boddeo.

Boddeo replied that they had ridden as straight as Rupert's craving for liquor permitted.

"With such delays only as Boddeo's gross desire for food compelled," Rupert corrected.

"And there is no story abroad, gentlemen?"

"Not so much as a breath in an alcove."

Tobias nodded his head pleasantly and turned to Cockayne.

"And you?" he asked.

"Am as dry as the Sahara, Reverence."

"You learned nothing in Marlow?"

"Nothing whatever. The old cat is asleep and the kitten in the basket. The house has all the air of it. You need not knock there, Kitty Dulcimore won't show to-day. Reverence, I'll wager a hundred on it."

The poet Whitehead here intervened to speak of the sleep that knits up the ravel'd sleeve of care, but was still in the middle of the line when Whithead the elegant asked them in all good faith if it were "last night or to-morrow morning," which provoked Churchill to the facetious remark that he might call it "the day before to-morrow." Which nonsense, we may remark, was typical of the levity which commonly characterised intercourse at Medmenham and could not be wholly laid aside even on such a meeting.

"The sun has passed the meridian. It would be afternoon," Whitehead rambled on, and then he added the reflection that a decision must be come to before six hours had passed. "If Sir Richard Escombe is with us then," he said.

"But he will not be here. He will be in France," the chaplain interposed. "So much is arranged between by lords and myself. We are all for compromise, gentlemen—half measure, but large ones."

"And a French cut about the bottle. Well, I don't envy the man. Wine and women—and my brother Raine. No, I, a poet, could not envy Richard Escombe."

"This is certain," said Cunningham. "If Escombe goes to France it is a resurrection to our noble friend."

"Spare him the shock," muttered Lord Churchill. Think of the society!

"His recovery is as wonderful as his death would have been magnificent," cried Ailsa, and then he repeated several times the pregnant words, "What a man, what a miracle of a man!"

"You may well say it, gentlemen—what a miracle of a man! He talks of being carried to London after the meeting—romancing, how beautifully he lay in sleep among us last night. Even I, Tobias, was moved. And I would tell you this: if his lordship goes upon a journey some of us would be wise to imitate him. Medmenham will be no place for any of us after last night's work."

Musgrave, the bully, had just time to say that his destination was Belgium, where he intended to found a new religion, when Tobias drew the curtain back from the refectory door and all entered with measured step and anxious look necessary to a room wherein a sick man lay, my lord was here, propped up upon a monstrous scarlet couch, his head swathed in bandages, but his face bare and grown so old in a single night and grown so old in a single night and grown so old in a single night.

In truth, few would have recognised the tip-top gallant of yesterday in this withered hulk of a gallant—the face written over with the sign manual of death; the cheeks shrunken and white; the eyes staring from hollow sockets; the jaw sagging and horrible to see; nevertheless, was Sir Richard Escombe's work, such the debt for which he must now be called upon to answer to his brethren.

The men approached the couch warily, some feigning looks of deep sympathy, others turning their eyes away, lest they should be offended. When all were grouped about, Tobias reminded them why they were assembled.

"We are here," he said, "to do his lordship's pleasure, which is also our own. Gentlemen, if Richard Escombe leaves this house without word said, there is no longer security within these walls. As you know, gentlemen, his life is forfeit to the club; yet whether it is wise to let his life it is now our purpose to consider. And first I would remind you of the King's displeasure. We are not like Windsor. Evil tongues hold it from you that should neither die as Mr. Fenton died, the very existence of our society may be threatened. That is why I come to you with an alternative as arranged between my lords Ailsa and Churchill and myself. Gentlemen, we must punish Richard Escombe, but discretion must come to our aid. I doubt not that so much will be admitted by you all."

They assented to it with varying expressions. One or two would have made much of the King's known will, but my lord himself silenced them with uplifted hand and such a look as men remembered for many a long day.

"It lies upon our honour," he said, "his face crimson with the strife of utterance—'it lies upon our honour. Why do you speak to me of discretion?'"

"To save our necks," rejoined Cunningham bluntly. "Is this anything to us? Have done with the cant of it, Harborne. You brought the girl here for your own pleasure. Are we to foot the bill? I'll have none of it for my part. Let the others hang if they will."

This, perchance, was the first time since Medmenham had been a club that any man had been bold enough to contradict my lord so flatly, and many ears were bent to such an unwelcome note of defiance. As for Tobias, he could but spread his hands abroad and plead for patience, while my lord sank back upon the pillow as though strength to defend his case were denied him.

"You have no right to abrogate the rule," he whispered hoarsely; "the penalty is for all your honour commands you to defend me."

"My dear lord," cried Tobias pompously, "be assured you shall not duty and will do it; but ours is the better way. Let Richard Escombe go to France—we are safer for his absence. Let him go and give a bond that he will not return until the Club shall give him leave. There's the open door and no King's dragoons to close it. Will it not suit your purpose, a thousand times I say that it will. In France the man is forgotten, dead; but in this country, though you kill him, you shall find him very much alive."

My lord made no response to this; but the others fell in with it as readily as they had done with any proposition making for their own salvation.

"To France, as you say," Churchill remarked, "and when he is in France no word of last night's story must pass our lips. Let London understand that Richard Escombe was a defaulter among men of honour and fled the country upon his default. There is the story for the newspapers. I do not think my lord would have it mended."

"And others will guard it jealously," said Ailsa, "for if the truth were known—"

"The truth!" says Cunningham. "What have we to do with the truth? Gentlemen, if truth were the fashion, God help us and society. Summon Sir Richard without further delay. The chaplain has the resolution and will read it. I do not think anyone here can propose an amendment, but if he can we will hear him readily."

He waited for Tobias, who had seated himself at a table near the great red couch and now spread a thin blue paper before him and put on monstrous spectacles. The chaplain loved such an hour as this. It was meat and drink to him.

"Here are the words," he began: "the Sir Richard Escombe, having defaulted to the Club upon a point of personal honour is hereby expelled from the Society of St. Francis. If any gentleman has anything to propose—"

He looked about him expectantly and perceived perhaps a little indifference, which was but human. These men had been fearful an hour before and now they were as cold as steel in their midst. How, however, when it had become but mere banishment to France, the proceedings interested them but ill. The odd part of the affair lay in their assumption that such a man as Richard Escombe would eagerly embrace their clemency. No one seems to have doubted it.

"He will leave to-day," says Cunningham.

"And the story in the newspapers to-morrow," added Churchill.

"While we," said Sir Francis Dashwood, "have but to communicate our resolution to him to make an end to the matter."

My lord was too weak to dissent now and he watched them with half closed eyes; but others cried, "Yes, yes, let's have the man in; and all rising and waiting expectantly, Sir Richard himself presently entered the room and bowed in his old manner to the assembled company.

"Gentlemen," he said, "your servant."

This, surely, was a momentous hour in the story of the club at Medmenham. Depict that scene in the old refectory of the abbey—the great crimson couch whereon my lord lay, pale and ghastly and with half closed eyes; the grouped gallants about him, and the chaplain, who, as a speaker, almost as ghastly a spectacle as my lord, who sat bolt upright, his eyes upon Richard Escombe's face, the purpose of the years expressed in that yearning look which cried mutely for Richard Escombe's death.

Ab, if the trigger had but fallen! My lord watched it as other men watch the dice box or the card table to be turned. His parched lips tried to utter an exclamation, but failed. He could have struck dead or rubbed him with a pitiful appeal, spoken from his very heart.

"Gentlemen! Gentlemen! If you

his handsome face; his step was light and easy; he carried his left hand lightly upon the hilt of his sword and laid his right hand upon his heart, with just a touch of mockery in the gesture, when he bowed to them. Perhaps they understood that he was still their master. It cannot be denied that his presence was powerful to provoke them anew to anger.

"Gentlemen, your servant; my lords and gentlemen. I am here according to my oath. Say, what is your pleasure?"

They knew that he derided them, and yet had no answer. Lord Harborne alone, raising himself with a courteous effort, met his enemy's gaze unflinchingly and mumbled again of the penalty.

"Sir Richard Escombe knows our rule—why does he ask us what it is?"

"Yes, yes," echoed many voices, "for thus swiftly did the mood towards him change."

"Sir Richard knows the rule; the rest is with him."

So they taunted him, while in Richard Escombe's eyes there flashed a thought which no man among them might truly read.

Had they but known the torture of the doubt he suffered—to be at the mercy of such rogues; his honour in their keeping; his life at their disposal! And he believed that they meant to have his life. All the chaplain's fine plotting and planning went by the board directly the old mocking enemy stood among them. God, how they had flinched, every one of them, when the Dick Escombe of old time had turned upon them! And how much they owed him of hate and shame ill paid! This was their hour—why should prudence interfere? Let nothing of that raw blunderer, Tobias Cambray, perpetually prating of King George and the dragoons!

"Brethren," cries Tobias, fallen again to the old manner of speaking in his excitement, "brethren, I doubt not that Sir Richard Escombe has come here to throw himself upon our clemency and to offer us his most humble apologies."

"Nay, nay," gasps my lord, "we can show no clemency. I claim the penalty. This man has offended; let

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pleases!" roared Tobias. "Sir Richard Escombe! I implore you, gentlemen, there must be no scandal at Medmenham. What I have to say—"

They received him with shouts of "Order! Order!" For many minutes the babel was indescribable. And through it all Sir Dick stood unmoved, a cocked pistol in his hand, the same kindly smile upon his face. He was quite willing to listen to Tobias. The chaplain had no more attentive auditor when last he obtained a hearing.

"Gentlemen," says he, speaking more calmly now, "Sir Richard, by his presence here admits the gravity of that offence of which our Society has found him guilty. The rule has been broken. We are forbidden, under pain of death, to draw sword upon one another in the name of woman; Sir Richard has done that, and honour would demand that he pay the penalty, as my lord has said. But we, gentlemen, are not such implacable friends of tradition as some would make us out. I say that we can show clemency upon occasion and that to-day is such an occasion. In your name I tell Sir Richard Escombe that if he will leave this kingdom of England to-day—"

They took it up with a swing, interrupting the chaplain at his most eloquent period.

"Yes, yes," they cried, "let him leave the country."

"If he will do that, gentlemen, if he will consider that he can do no less in the circumstances in which he has placed himself, then I say that we make no further demand upon him, that our Society is vindicated and Mr. Wilkes' prudence amply justified. Let Sir Richard answer to us. Hear him in patience, I beg of you."

He raised his hands aloft, swept them about in a mighty gesture, and then, folding them behind his back, appeared to wait for Sir Richard's answer as one who was quite sure of it. As for the others, not a man among them was aware of Honor Marwood's revelation. None believed that the proposal would come otherwise than as a surprise to the victim of their cunning, and they were astonished enough at the immutable sang froid he now displayed.

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CLIMAX OF MUDDLE.

CLOSING PUBLIC-HOUSES
ON POLLING DAYS.

GROTESQUE PROPOSAL.

Should the Prime Minister contemplate conferring any additional honours, the claims of the Parliamentary Draughtsmen responsible for evolving the clause in the Licensing Bill dealing with the closing of public-houses on polling days should not be overlooked. Amongst the new clauses added to the Bill with the aid of the guillotine on Friday was the following, which was proposed by the Solicitor-General:—

1. When a poll for a Parliamentary election takes place in any constituency, no person shall, during the hours of the poll, sell or expose for sale any intoxicating liquor in any licensed premises except to persons lodging on the premises and to persons taking meals on the premises in a room set apart for the purpose, and in the case of railway refreshment rooms at a station, and subject to those exceptions, no person shall during those hours be on any licensed premises for the purpose of obtaining or consuming intoxicating liquor.

2. If any person acts in contravention of this provision he shall be liable in respect of each offence to a penalty not exceeding £20.

In introducing this clause it is to be presumed that the Government intend to close only the public-houses in the constituency in which the election is taking place. But, if the wording is carefully studied, it will be seen that whenever there is a by-election anywhere, all the public-houses in England and Wales must be closed from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thus, should there be an election in the North of Scotland, nobody will be able to get a glass of beer (except at a railway station) in any town or village in England and Wales until after 8 p.m. A more extraordinary state of affairs would arise in the event of a General Election. A General Election usually extends over three entire weeks, so that all the public-houses in the country would have to be closed during that period, except on the Sunday, which is considered a disson for electoral purposes.

Sunday Opening.

Before indulging in the Gilbertian attempt at legislation, the Government turned its attention to the question of the opening of public-houses on Sundays, and an amusing debate took place before the following clause was added to the Bill:—

1. Hotels, restaurants, and public houses may supply intoxicating liquor during the same hours as Sundays as at present to any person taking a meal on the premises in a room set apart for the purpose.

2. A person may be on licensed premises during closing hours for non-intoxicating liquor.

An entertaining picture of the possibilities of the new clause was drawn by Mr. George Fisher, the Unionist member for York. "It will be quite possible for me to go to a bar like the Criterion on a Sunday and spend the whole of the time from 12 o'clock in the morning till 11 o'clock at night eating and drinking," he smilingly observed. "I can be at the bar during the hours of opening for drinking, and in the dining-room eating and drinking all the rest of the time. Then, after 11 o'clock, I can stay on the premises all night, making occasionally for a bottle of soda-water and mixing my liquor with a bit of stout out of my pocket. Or if the cook comes kept up I could ask for devilled kidneys."

"What is a meal?" asked Mr. Fitzalan Hope, alluding to the phraseology of the Bill. "Is a bit of meat?" He conjured up a room in which there was a table bearing a stale ham and a lot of "jungle" beef. So long as there was a portion of that ham or "jungle" beef on a table, he said, he would drink. All these bewildering considerations were brushed aside by the Prime Minister. "It is ridiculous," he said, with a touch of scorn, "to suppose that an ordinary publican who is not at present obliged to supply refreshments during prohibited hours will have to do so under the Bill. As to the definition of a meal, there is no difficulty. It is a question of fact, and all these questions about devils and devils' sandwiches—a phrase which greatly tickled the House—"do not arise."

A Much-Sold Egg.
Mr. Clavell Salter, a salmon-riveted K.C., gave a new name to the "harmless, necessary" sandwich. He called it a "chaperon." "I am told that in some parts of the United States, where the climate is somewhat analogous to this in the force of the cold, a chaperon is an innumerable drink extending over a period of months, until at last the sandwiches consumed by some customer in a moment of absent-mindedness. Quietly and earnestly Mr. Younger, the great Scottish distiller, begged the Government to put a clear definition of a meal in the Bill. "A la-mode meal in Boston, in the United States, is a hard-boiled egg," he told the House. "It is generally sold for six cents. In one bar the bar-keeper was asked how many times he had sold his one hard-boiled egg in one morning. He had sold it no fewer than 57 times!"
—Mr. Richardson, a Labour member, appealed to the Government to withdraw the proposals on behalf of the overworked bar employees. But, as above stated, the clause was added to the Bill.

THE PEERS AND THE BILL.

LORD LANSDOWNE SUMMONS A CONFERENCE.

An extremely interesting situation exists at the moment with regard to the Licensing Bill as it passes through the House of Lords. About 150 Peers have intimated that they are in

favour of the rejection of the measure, presumably on second reading. According to another estimate at least 115 Peers, consisting of Liberals, bishops, and about 30 Unionists, desire to see the Bill referred to a committee for detailed consideration. The fate of the measure therefore rests with the Peers—all Unionists—who have so far kept an open mind on the question. In view of the position the conference of Unionist Peers, which Lord Lansdowne has called for next Tuesday, is of paramount interest, as it will adopt a policy which will be settled at the meeting. The strong condemnation which Lord Lansdowne passed on the Bill in his speech at the Junior Constitutional Club seems to foreshadow the advice which he is likely to give to his party. The second reading stage of the Bill in the House of Lords, it has already been stated, is fixed for Nov. 23.

CITY TEMPLE SCENE.

VIOLENT ENCOUNTER WITH SUFFRAGISTS.

Wild and extraordinary scenes, so utterly foreign and unexpected in a place of worship, were witnessed in the City Temple on Thursday night consequent on the determined campaign on the part of the militant Suffragists to prevent Cabinet Ministers speaking peacefully at public gatherings. Mr. Birrell was the principal speaker at a meeting in support of the Liberal Party, and during his half-hour's address he was interrupted by a woman who had to be ejected. In fact, Mr. Birrell had just uttered two words when the first interruption took place, and thereafter he was not allowed to proceed for the next five minutes without having to endure bombardment from the Suffragists who were scattered all over the building.

Preparations had obviously been made to counteract the tactics of the Suffragists, numerous stewards being seated amongst the congregation in the body of the church, as well as in the galleries, while a number of policemen were held in reserve both at the front and back entrances. The women, who were considered the unhappily great violence had to be used before the stewards could effect their removal, and the unusual spectacle, so far as the City Temple is concerned, as affected a large number of the members of the congregation that they left the building during the progress of Mr. Birrell's speech.

A SCANDAL TO LONDON.

THE CONDITION OF HYDE PARK AT NIGHT.

For a long time past women have been brought before the magistrate at Marlborough-st. on charges of disorderly conduct in Hyde Park at night. Arising out of one case, in which a married woman was bound over to be of good behaviour, Insp. Brain, of the A Division, Hyde Park Police Station, told the magistrate that women of a certain class had become such a nuisance in the park, that special measures had had to be taken for the protection of the public who used its thoroughfares. Mr. Mead (the magistrate) said he quite recognized that—Insp. Brain, continuing, said that people were often frightened in the park, being more afraid of what might happen to them there than in well-lighted streets when they were accosted by disreputable persons. Mr. Mead remarked that in his opinion, the condition of Hyde Park at night was a scandal to London. Insp. Brain said that every effort was made by the police to put down the troubles which arose through the conduct of these women. Mr. Mead replied that he was quite sure the police did all in their power, and to his utmost he would endeavour to assist them. Insp. Brain further hinted to the magistrate that in his opinion and from his experience a proportion of these women did not go to the park for purposes of blackmail or absolute want, but to supplement their incomes from other sources.

MURDERER'S APPEAL.

APPLICATION REFUSED BY THE COURT.

Justice Channell, Justice Phillips, and Justice Walton sat as a Court of Criminal Appeal in the King's Bench Division. Jas. Nicholls, who was sentenced to death at the Norfolk Assizes for the murder of Susan Wilson, of Feltwell, Norfolk, appealed from his sentence. Counsel for appellant said the grounds of appeal were that the verdict was against the weight of evidence, and the summing-up contained a misdirection to the jury in respect of various circumstances. The lordship was of opinion that they could not allow the appeal. The execution was yesterday fixed for Tuesday, Dec. 1.

250,000 EMIGRANTS.

A crowded meeting, organised by the South London Federation of the Tariff Reform League, was held at Park Lane on Saturday evening, and was addressed by Sir Gilbert Parker, M.P. The chair was occupied by Maj. Frank Johnson, and a resolution pledging the meeting to support Tariff Reform, moved by Mr. Warwick Brookes, prospective Unionist candidate for Waltham, was carried by an overwhelming majority. During part of the proceedings there was considerable interruption caused by opponents of the objects of the meeting, but the vast bulk of the audience, mainly composed of working men, appeared to be supporters of Tariff Reform. Sir Gilbert Parker, in the course of an address, remarked that during the first six months of the present year he had exported over 250,000 men, which was nearly five times as many as were exported in 1899, and they had gone to protected countries to earn that bread which they could not earn here. This was eight times as many as were exported in 1894, and while our unemployment was increasing in the years of booming trade, Germany was importing hundreds of thousands of men for her workshops, her docks, and her mines.

THE PEOPLES SCANDAL.

At the Central Criminal Court the Recorder, on the application of Mr. Travers Humphreys for the prosecution, fixed the trial of the case which should be found against Nov. 23.

BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

SIX NEW BARONETS AND TWENTY KNIGHTS.

The usual list of honours issued in connection with the King's Birthday is this year largely of a political nature. They are as follows:—

Privy Counsellors.
J. A. Pease, M.P., Junior Lord of the Treasury since 1902.
H. L. Samuel, M.P., Under-Secretary Home Office since 1902.
Str. C. Molson, M.P., is actively interested in steel, shipbuilding, and colliery undertakings. He is chairman of the Metropolitan Railway Co. and one of the founders of the Eighty and National Liberal Clubs.
Str. Ed. Clarke, K.C., the eminent lawyer, has been associated with many great criminal and civil cases. Mr. Edward was formerly M.P. for Southwark, and subsequently Plymouth, and for a few months represented the City of London.

Baronets.

C. E. Shaw, M.P., member for Stafford since 1892, and is chairman and managing director of John Shaw and Sons (Ld.), Wolverhampton.
J. Barker, M.P., founder and chairman of John Barker and Co. (Ld.), of Kensington, and chairman of Paquin (Ld.), of Paris. He was born in 1840. Mr. Barker was an alderman of the first L.C.C.
G. Anderson Crichie, C.V.O., has been honorary surgeon oculist to the King since 1901, and is consulting ophthalmic surgeon to St. Mary's Hospital, London.
Sir J. Low was Lord Provost of Dundee from 1903 until 1905.
Ernest Hatch, formerly a Unionist M.P., has travelled extensively in Canada, India, South Africa, and China.

Knights.

James Dalziel, M.P. for the Kirkcaldy Burghs since 1902. Manager of "Herald" Newspaper.
Luke White, M.P. for Buckrose, Yorks, since 1900.

ABOVE THE LAW.

WHAT TRADE UNIONS CAN DO.

In the Court of Appeal the Master of the Rolls, and Lord Justice Fletcher Moulton and Farwell, heard an appeal from the decision of Justice Neville holding that the manner in which trade unions employ their funds to obtain representation in the House of Commons is a matter with which the courts are not concerned. The point was raised in an action brought against the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants and its trustees by Mr. Osborne, secretary of the Walthamstow branch. The real point in the litigation was whether this trade society was entitled to ally itself to the Labour Party, whose objects and policy, it was submitted, were nothing like trade unionism, but had as their ultimate goal Socialism.

Labour Party's Conditions.

The Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants has over 70,000 members. In March, 1900, the Executive Committee resolved to become affiliated to the Labour Parliamentary Representation Committee, composed of various affiliated bodies. Mr. Richard Bell, the general secretary of the Railway Servants, refused to sign the constitution of the Labour Representation Committee, and succeeded in impressing his view on the annual general meeting of the society in 1904; but the contrary amendment now comes in of that all candidates for Parliament should sign and accept the conditions of the Labour Party, and be subject to their whip—was carried at the general meeting.

CHISWICK TRAGEDY.

MAN DETAINED AND RELEASED.

A man was yesterday taken to the Chiswick Police Station in connection with the Chiswick street tragedy, but after being detained a while was released. It will be remembered that the murdered man, Mr. Ernest Nixey Smith, received fatal injuries between five and 5.30 p.m. on Oct. 23, at the corner of Turnham Green-terrace and Chiswick High-rd., through being struck on the head by the steel ferrule of an umbrella. Notices offering a reward of £50 for the discovery of a man wanted "for the wilful murder of Ernest Nixey Smith," have been published by the police. The reward is guaranteed by friends of the deceased gentleman, his colleagues on the Philanthropic Society.

The Inquest.

At the resumed inquest Dr. French, of Chiswick, said he found Mr. Smith at the corner of Turnham Green-terrace, surrounded by a crowd. He was wounded in the temple as by a bullet, but the wound was caused by a sharp-pointed weapon. Mr. Smith was unconscious. His injuries could not have been caused by a fall. Geo. Rowley, newspaper seller, of Nottingham Hill, said that he saw Mr. Smith and another man quarrelling regarding a woman at the Tube station at Shepherd's Bush on Oct. 23. Deceased said, "Go and fetch the woman," and told a policeman he wanted to give the other, the taller

THE WEEK AT WESTMINSTER.

Monday.

It was with a feeling of intense relief that we assembled on Monday to finish the committee stage of the Licensing Bill. Apart from the pleasure of congratulating Mr. Herbert Samuel on his Privy Councilship there was nothing to break the monotony of this last sitting. Mr. Samuel is both able and popular. When Mr. Akers Douglas, on behalf of the Unionist party, paid a friendly compliment to the young Under-Secretary there was a genuine display of good feeling. As for the interest in the debate it was nil. The final schedule was passed, and the committee stage was completed, and that is all one can say. Our thoughts are already concentrated on the House of Lords. What the Peers will do is the one question that is being asked in the Lobby. Will they reject the Bill en bloc, or will they amend it from beginning to end? Nobody expects that it can become law. In the evening came the news of the Prime Minister's speech at the Guildhall, and those who had been present spoke very favourably of the impression he had created. His declaration on naval supremacy gave special satisfaction—but it yet remains to be seen how far Mr. Asquith's followers will allow him to put his theory into practice.

Tuesday.

Since Scotland was not included in the Licensing Bill (or there would be no safe seat left for defeated Cabinet Ministers), it was only fair that the next turn should be given to members north of the Tweed, so nobody grumbled when Tuesday was handed over for the discussion of the Scottish Education Bill. It is a tradition that Scottish nights are dull, and it is equally a tradition that English members take no part in the debate. On the present occasion both traditions were honourably fulfilled, and the Scottish M.P.s were left to discuss by themselves the advisability, or otherwise, of buying clothing apparatus out of the Government. Mr. Boland and Mr. Jermyn MacVough, from the Nationalist Bench, tried the effects of soft murder on their Scottish Radical allies to get an extra grant for the Roman Catholic schools. The S.R. allies took the soft answer, but declined to part with the bawble. In vain Mr. MacVough—who, by the way, is an Ulsterman—boomed with affect upon the Secretary for Scotland, Mr. Sinclair, was as deaf as Ulster to the greens. Eventually he closed the amendment, and the Nationalists gaped with indignation. But Nationalist games are quickly stifled when a Radical Government is in office.

Wednesday.

Next, after Scotland, came London, and on Thursday the business of the House was the Port of London Bill. This measure is to consolidate all the dock companies and to create a new authority, which is to have control of the docks and of the river for fifty miles below London Bridge. At one time it looked as if the Bill would create considerable hostility, but all concerned recognise that if the present opportunity of dealing with the question is allowed to pass it may be twenty years before another may be proposed. The proposals are costly. Some millions too much are being paid by the public, but if the Government scheme is not adopted, the present state of chaos must continue indefinitely. Mr. Churchill came in for a good deal of heckling as to his qualifications for coaching Londoners, like Mr. Steadman, the ex-secretary of the Barge Builders' Union, how to manage the Thames. Mr. Steadman has been on and about the river most of his life, and certainly had the right to claim that he knew more of the docks than Mr. Churchill. Nor did this line of argument deter Mr. Steadman. Sir William Ball, the member for Hammerwich, had "swum most of it from Kew to the Nore." Here again was a special reason for expert knowledge. But Mr. Churchill only smiled. He was not all smiles, however, and his fierce and argumentative style, is not a happy one when "business" measures are under discussion. It is all very well for debates on "Chinese slavery," but it doesn't go down with a President of the Board of Trade. Mr. Churchill as a Cabinet Minister has not added to his reputation.

Thursday.

Questions to-day elicited from Mr. Asquith the important declaration that the Government would maintain the two-power standard as defined by the late Unionist Government. Much of the discussion was created by this announcement—but deeds are wanted, not words. The "Little Navy" party are very glad at the turn things are taking. Mr. Henderson, the Labour member, asked leave to move the adjournment of the House in order to call attention to the difference between the statement of the Prime Minister in regard to the future administration of the Unemployed Act and the new regulations of the Local Government Board. Mr. Asquith admitted that the phraseology of the orders must be amended, and with this assurance the debate was dropped. Mr. Asquith declared, of course that his statement was made "in consultation" with Mr. Burns, but most people believe that Mr. Burns was thrown overboard—at the instigation of the Socialists. Then we settled down once more to the Port of London Bill. Upstairs the Right Hon. Mr. Asquith nearly completed his committee stage, and I think there is little doubt that the measure will become law. There is also little doubt that it will mean an increased price to the consumer—indeed the Bill is deliberately intended to raise prices, and to enable the miners, who are paid by selling coal, to earn the same money in a shorter time.

Friday.

Back to the Licensing Bill once more. To-day we have had the Report stage—next is the third reading, and then the Lords. Nothing novel was brought to light—all has been urged on both sides many times. The House of Commons is sick to death of these debates, and everyone feels that the whole thing is pure waste of time. The country would have been better served if the Bill had been passed long ago.

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MUDDLE OUT-MUDDLED.



When a poll for a Parliamentary Election takes place in ANY constituency, no person shall, during the hours of poll, sell or expose for sale any intoxicating liquor in ANY LICENSED PREMISES.—New clause to the Licensing Bill added by the Government.

JOHN BULL: "And where in the name of goodness is Puddicombe-on-the-Slush, and what has the bye-election there got to do with this place?"

James Duckworth, M.P. for Stockport since 1902.
Frederick Alliston, deputy-chairman of the L.C.C. in 1904-5; been a City Alderman since 1906 of the Broad-st. Ward.
Thomas Barclay, a citizen of Birmingham, where he has done philanthropic work.
Nathaniel Bodington, vice-chancellor of Leeds University.
John Bromley, accountant-general to the Board of Education.
Charles Burt, senior member of the Thames Conservancy Board, a member of the Metropolitan Water Board.
H. P. Constable, Deputy Inspector-General of the Royal Irish Constabulary.
Herbert Fordham, chairman of Cambridge County Council.
George Franks, R.A., the well-known sculptor.
Richard Garion, head of the firm of Garion, Hill and Co., of Battersea. Unsuccessfully contested Battersea against John Burns in 1902.
Jonathan Hutchinson, the eminent consulting surgeon, and Emeritus Professor of Surgery at the London Hospital College.
2. Sir Basil Morrell, chairman of the British and Foreign School Society, which has this year celebrated its centenary.
Thomas Oliver, M.P., has taken a leading part in the investigation of industrial diseases.
E. J. Thompson, is Treasury valuer and Inspector of rates.
Joseph Thompson, is the president-elect of the British Association, and a distinguished physicist of Cambridge.
Edward Walker, a prominent citizen of Durlington.
Stewart Woodhouse, M.P., was formerly medical member of the General Prison Board of Ireland.
Near-Admiral Sydney Marrow Eardley-Wilmot, superintendent of the Ordnance Stores of the Admiralty.
Order of Merit.
Alfred Wallace, is distinguished mainly for his work in natural history and social science. He has been a prolific writer on scientific subjects.

THE POPLAR SCANDAL.

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A Low-Lived Scoundrel.

—Rene Bessley, of Notting Hill, a well-known and also over two men arguing outside the Tube Station. One was 5ft. 7in. or 5ft. 8in. in height, and the other about 5ft. 5in. Both were very angry. The tall man was doing most of the talking. He carried an umbrella. Witness thought she could identify him, and she recognised deceased gentleman from a photograph.

F.G. Stickings said deceased came up to him, pointed to a man by his side, and said that, "This man was calling a woman objectionable names. When I spoke to him," he added, "he called me a low-lived scoundrel."

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THE CONDUCTOR.



Then, again, there was a "Pledge remember the grotto," a custom instituted in honour of St. James the first, whose shrine used to be visited by pilgrims with shells in their hats and coats. July 25 is the proper day for grotto-budding. This practice is not wholly extinct in London, particularly in the small streets leading to the Oval from Kennington-rd. And, after all, what harm does it do to a single shell? Life is so momentous and so short that a hardy wight would be well advised to take such reminders up of the old times when there were some 60 Bank Holiday a year is to be encouraged, not abolished.

THE ACTOR.



But another and far graver danger arises in my mind out of such competitions. I refer to the vast numbers of poor, imperfectly educated girls who, fascinated by the glamour of the footlights, will be tempted and allowed by the invitation to compete to divert their thoughts and aspirations from their humble employments by which they are earning a living to the dazzling prospect as appealing to feminine vanity of stage triumphs and a possible coronal such as that

PIPER PAN.



No restrictions as to dress will be made for these winter representations at Covent Garden, by the way except—such an important exception—that ladies must remove hats, bonnets, or any headgear whatsoever. The addition "any headgear whatsoever" is a wise precaution, for the feathers and bows and other ornaments with which many ladies adorn (1) their heads in the evenings are frequently so obstructive to a view of the stage as to cut out or obscure

WILL WORKMAN.



Let us try to realize the effects upon the industry of New York State, such a swarm of immigrants must have. These immigrants are of all ages, temperaments and positions in life. New York acts upon them like a sponge acts upon water. Those who have gone with situations provided or equipped with brains, muscles and capital sufficient to make headway, drop through the sponge into the other States, where labour, since 1884, has never been a drag upon the market. Those who lack initiative, enterprise, brain, muscle, and capital, and those who have a intention

BUCKLAND JUNIOR.

The largest of living birds is the ostrich. Although four species of ostriches are found in the world, only one is native to America.

BUCKLAND JUNIOR



It is more or less generally believed that the cotchick is a good runner and a fast swimmer. Some are supposed to be used as wadis. Some ornithologists state that the wings are thus used when commencing to run and to enable them to turn sharply, but others say that they are kept on a level with the back free from the wings, but not spread as far as well known. The cotchick is a good runner, and can beat a snipe and stay better than a mounted horn. When walking it has a peculiar dance springing step, but when going at full speed this is a good running stride. Being a fast swimmer, it is a good runner. It will, and will even run on its back. All

The additions to the Zoological Society's gardens for the week ending Nov. 8 include:—Mammals: Two others, one grey mongoose, one Malbrouck guenon, and one lesser white-nosed guenon. Birds: One yellow conure, two common terns, one yellow-rumped seed-eater, one Brazilian hanager, one Amherst pheasant, and

three budgerigars. Reptiles, etc.: One large grieved tortoise and six climb-



Sea angling is still to the fore, although the tide has been turned and anglers have fished at places along the south-west coast. The Deal and Walmer Angling Society's competition from Deal pier concludes to-morrow (Monday), and with a favourable tide good catches should be made. Whiting and codling of good size have been had in the locality, bass and congers are plentiful, and some fin sole at Southsea. As the tide is out, it is good again, the members of the Great Ouse mouth Ladies' Sea Angling Club having the heaviest catch at the recent sea angling festival at Southwold, thus securing the cup and gold medal, the leading prize competed for.

who may be privileged to listen to it.

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No vintners' steamers my peace invade

The tripper has ceased to trip,
But the colours of God are softly laid

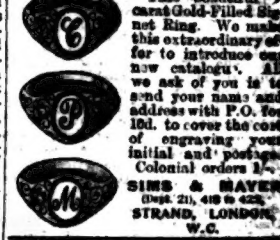
From Tilbury down to Shoeburyness,
From here to the hills of Kent,
In chill November? I answer, "Yes."
If on rest or health intent.
But others will say, "Who will
To some Continental coast
England as all in all should stilt
Be every Briton's boast."

Blue is the sea and blue the sky,
The world is made to please,
There isn't a tripper or a fly
To interrupt one's ease.
But my portion of joy o'erflows the dish,
And a sweet, soft peace is mine.
When another woman claims a fish
And sends that it's on my list.

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IN THE COURTS YESTERDAY.

STORIES TOLD TO MAGISTRATES AND CORONERS.

DIVORCE COURT.

WIFE'S DRAMATIC CONFESSION.

The President before him the petition of Mr. Bishop, engineer, living in Portland-rd., Tottenham, for the dissolution of marriage by reason of the adultery of his wife with the co-respondent, Wm. Ernest Crawley, a tram driver.—The charge was not denied, but co-respondent pleaded that he did not know that respondent was a married woman.—Petitioner deposed that he was married to respondent (Florence Catherine) at St. Peter's Church, Broad-lane, Tottenham, in December, 1905. She was his second wife. Quarrels took place between them, and eventually he left the house and made her an allowance of 7s. a week. He moved from his then address to Portland-rd., Tottenham. After a time she came to the house and occupied a back room.—Was that against your wish? Certainly. She threatened to commit suicide if she did not live there.

ACCUSING THE TRAM DRIVER.

—Witness added that when he went to work she used to go to his room, and she took away his watch and chain, which she pawned. Towards the end of December, 1907, she came to his room and wanted him to take her back. This he refused to do. She wanted him to buy a hat, and he told her she must take Crawley to buy her hat.—What did she say? She said, "If you will not take me back I may as well tell you the truth," and she then admitted the misconduct. I told her I insisted on her seeing Crawley in my presence. On July 12 last I took my wife down to Crawley's place. I accused Crawley, and my wife called him a scoundrel, and cross-examination witness stated that Crawley said he did not know whether respondent was single or a widow.—Mr. E. Harrison, of High-rd., Tottenham, solicitor, proved service on co-respondent at the Terminus, Edmonton, and he read the papers. He said that he was not the only one, and that there were "two or three others on the job." The decree nisi was granted, there being in the circumstances no order against co-respondent as to costs.

GUILDHALL.

CITY CLERK'S DOWNFALL.—Defalcations amounting to £225 were admitted by Mr. Hughes, 30, of Coventry-rd., Ilford, who was charged on a warrant with embezzling £25 10s. 6d. and other sums reaching the total mentioned during the past six months. Accused had for six years been in the employ of Messrs. Edward Preece & Co., solicitors, of West Smithfield. Recent discoveries showed that prisoner had been pursuing a course of irregularities for several months past, the discrepancies being found out when prisoner was on his holidays. Entries in the bank-book, cash-book, and ledger had been falsified in some cases, and he had been given customers credit for large amounts.—Three months in the second division.

OLD BAILEY.

YOUNG MAN AND SERVANT.—A grave charge was preferred against Ernest Banks, a young man, who was indicted under the Criminal Law Amendment Act in respect of Mary Annie Tams, aged 15 years and seven months.—Prosecutrix said that when she was in the service of Mrs. Banks, at Copeland-rd., Peckham, accused one night, as she was in the scullery washing up, came in, pushed her against a table, and kissed her. She said that she went on to say that three weeks later the act was repeated in a bedroom. She said to him on that occasion, "I shall tell my mother," and he replied, "If I have done you any harm."

—Cross-examined, prosecutrix denied that she told defendant that she was 18.—Dr. Kennedy said he found signs consistent with the girl's story. She was a well-developed girl for her age.—Det.-insp. Bissell stated that accused was charged said, "She told me she was just upon 18."—Counsel submitted that the girl was a consenting party, and that defendant had reasonable grounds for believing that she was over 16.—Defendant, cross-examined, said that he asked her age the girl replied, "I am 18."—Mrs. Banks and defendant's brother deposed to conversations that had taken place with the girl in reference to her age.—The judge told the jury that if they were satisfied that defendant had reasonable grounds for believing the girl was 16, they ought to acquit.—The jury found defendant not guilty.—Discharged.

BOW-STREET.

PERJURY CHARGE DISMISSED.—Mr. W. H. Ellis, of the firm of Messrs. Prickett and Ellis, estate agents, Chancery-lane, and Highgate, appeared to a summons taken out by Mr. H. K. Ward charging him with committing perjury in the High Court.—Last May complainant, who is an estate agent at Dartmouth Park Hill, brought an action in the King's Bench Division against Mr. W. H. Ellis to recover £175, commission for procuring the sale of certain freehold property at Maxwell Hill. Defendant was called as a witness in that action, and made a statement, now alleged to be false, to the effect that the purchaser of the property in question was introduced by him to Mr. Lunt. In the result the action was dismissed with costs.—Defendant now stated on oath that the evidence given by him in the High Court was true in substance and in fact, and added that he received his commission long before the action was tried.—Mr. Marsham, for the defence, submitted, saying that no jury would convict, and ordered complainant to pay £25 costs.

THAMES.

A MAGISTRATE'S OMISSION.—Addressing the magistrate "Spring Onions," the East-End poet, said that this was his 10th anniversary since he had given up drink. He had received 20 letters from persons in

various parts of the country asking him to send them a copy of his life. He regretted he was not "a poet," he acceded to their appeal, but his "life" could be obtained "for 7s. 6d. a hundred."—Mr. Dickinson congratulated Onions, expressing the hope that he would be spared many years to enjoy his temperance principles.—As Onions left the witness-box he confidentially whispered to a Press representative, "The magistrate forgot to mention anything about my poetry."

"AN IRISH COCKNEY."

—The judge, Mr. Justice, asked the magistrate of Kate Guerin, who charged Geo. Stephen Dunk, a Steyne fish porter, with maliciously wounding her.—Prosecutrix: No, sir, I am an Irish Cockney.—Remanded.

MARLBOROUGH-STREET.

OXFORD-STREET BY NIGHT.

Owing to the scarcity of two plain-clothes constables, John Williams, 35, and Mary Irwin, 30, married, both living in Lavinia-grove, Caledonian-rd., N., were charged on remand as suspected persons.—P.C.s Cull and Clarke spoke to having seen prisoners on the evening of Nov. 6 among persons getting on to omnibuses at Oxford Circus and attempt to steal. They were arrested just as the man appeared about to open a lady's handbag. They pleaded guilty to the attempts.—Charges against both prisoners under the Prevention of Crimes Act being preferred, Det.-sergt. West proved their previous convictions. The woman, named after conviction, had served 20 months' hard labour for larceny, and the man 34 years' penal servitude, with two years' police supervision following.—Committed to the sessions.

MARYLEBONE.

GIRL AND THE PIANO.—A girl of 15 was charged with theft. Her father, it was said, had done all in his power to check her criminal tendencies, and although a poor man, had gone the length of buying her a piano on the hire system, in the hope that it would keep her out of the streets.—Mr. Plowden: But it hasn't? No; she runs about the streets until midnight.—Mr. Plowden: Perhaps the piano is the fault of the piano? (Laughter.)—The girl was bound over under the Probation of Offenders Act to report herself to the missionary for three months.

WEST LONDON.

AUCTIONEER CHARGED.

Remanded charged of obtaining credit without disclosing the fact that he was an undischarged bankrupt were preferred against Henry Hill, 34, auctioneer, of King-st., Hammer-smith. Mr. O. Hanson defended. There were three cases under the Debtors' Act, it being stated that he had obtained credit from Jack Cohen, a furniture maker of 6, Church-st., St. Pancras.—Each of the two latter prosecutors admitted, in answer to Mr. Hanson, that they had sold furniture to defendant for resale for some time, and had received from him a number of sums amounting to several hundreds of pounds. They also admitted that their particular sums, which formed the subject of the present prosecution, were really the balance of a "running" account which they had with defendant.—Committed for trial.

OLD-STREET.

AFTER THE HOTEL COKE.

Two miserable-looking lads, Cornelius Humphreys and Jos. Walker, were charged with stealing a quantity of coke in South-place, Finsbury.—The evidence showed that Walker had, while left temporarily in charge of the van by the carman (who was delivering coke at Armitfield's Hotel) thrown down a quantity of the fuel to Humphreys and a small girl, who had been placed in the van. When they were about to drag the sacks away an official of the hotel caught the boys, the girl disappearing. The representative of the hotel said he felt convinced that this kind of robbery had been going on systematically for some time, and he had kept watch to discover the thieves. The proprietors declined to press the case.—The magistrate expressed the opinion that the lads had been sent out with the sacks for the purpose of stealing something.—The lads pleaded guilty.—Remanded for inquiries.

LAMBETH.

A CAUSEWAY ADVENTURE.

A night scene in Newington Causeway was described when Joe, Carpenter, 19, market porter, and Alice King, 23, laundress, were charged as suspected persons attempting to pick pockets.—P.C. Rush stated that on Friday night he was on special plain P.C. duty when he saw Carpenter speak to a gentleman named Ginston, who was under the influence of drink, and was giving copper to children. Carpenter took Ginston to the Elephant and Castle, where King joined them, and the three walked down a court named Ventry-place. Witnesses followed, and the woman, recognising him, exclaimed: "Look out, spiv!" (detectors). King had her right arm around Ginston's neck and her left hand inside his waistcoat. Carpenter was standing on the man's right-hand side with his arm around him. Telling prisoners that he was a police officer and should take them into custody, Carpenter said to Ginston, "Come on, John, you know me, don't you?" and turning to witness said, "You have made a big mistake."—King (to the officer): Did I put my arm round his neck or did

he put his arm round mine?—Constable: You put yours round his.—King: You're a liar. He put his arm round my neck, and asked me to kiss him.—Mr. Ginston said he did not know either of the prisoners.—Magistrate: Do you recollect desiring to kiss the woman?—Witness: No, I cannot. Neither could witness remember asking Carpenter to have a drink, or inviting King to have supper.—Remanded.

SOUTH-WESTERN.

SCENE AT BATTERSEA.

Owing to an alleged violent attack on a constable, Walter Coleman, clerk, giving an address in Walworth-rd., was committed for trial. At the end of October prisoner was drunk in Queen's-rd., Battersea. He was making a singing noise in the street, and a crowd of 300 people gathered round after failing to get him away, took him into custody, when accused was alleged to have tripped him up and kicked him in the stomach. Prisoner declares he was violently handled by the constable.—Dr. Kompter, the police surgeon, said the constable was badly hurt, and it would be many weeks before he could resume duty, if at all.—Replying to the charge prisoner said it was a tissue of lies.—Committed for trial.

STRATFORD.

ALLEGED SHEEP STEALING.

Circumstantial evidence figured largely in the case against Edw. Hill, 33, a labourer, of High-st., Barkingide, who was charged with stealing two sheep, value £5, the property of Walter Holton, a butcher, of Woodford Bridge.—Prosecutor had some sheep in a field at Claybury Park, and saw them gone on Saturday, Nov. 7. They were missed on Sunday morning, and as a result of a search the entrails of two sheep were found some distance from the field, and further along the road was the carcass of one.—Harry Finch, of Tom's Wood Hill, Barkingide, said that on the night of Nov. 7 he was in bed when he was called by his daughter, and heard prisoner in the next room. Hill said, "Harry, get up. I want you." Witness asked, "What for?" and he replied, "I've got two—one for you and one for another chap." Witness inquired, "One what?" and Hill answered, "A sheep." Witness then said, "Take the sheep away from my house. I don't want them, nor yet you." Prisoner then left, and later on witness spoke to a policeman.

BLOODMARKS ON THE DOOR.

—Mary Finch, daughter of last witness, deposed that when prisoner left the house there were bloodmarks of a finger and a thumb on the kitchen door; and Robt. Page, of Beck-rd., Woodford Bridge, deposed to buying a knife from a prisoner in a public house at Woodford Bridge on Saturday night.—Det.-sergt. Tobutt said that when charged prisoner replied, "Yes, that's right." The girl Finch said the trousers Hill wore on Saturday night had stains on them, and when she remarked, "Those appear to be blood-stains," prisoner replied, "Yes, I've been washed in the blood of the lamb." At the station prisoner said, "I know nothing about it."—Accused stated that the stains on his trousers were paint, not blood.—Committed for trial.

GREENWICH.

A HUSBAND'S DELUSIONS.

He suffers from delusions to such an extent that it has become dangerous to live with him, said Mrs. Burt of her husband, Jas. Burt, 54, of Killeen-rd., Catford, who was charged with assaulting her.—P.C. Smith said that his attention was attracted by a crowd outside prisoner's house. He heard cries from within, and through the open door saw prisoner (who was in the back yard) strike his wife a violent blow in the face. Later, hearing cries of "Police" and "Murder," he again went to the house, where Mrs. Burt complained that her husband had kicked her. Witness found prisoner barricaded in the bedroom, but when he was told that witness was a police constable he opened the door.—The wife corroborated.—Prisoner muttered, "These lads! These lads! There never was a word about these lads grew up." He told the magistrate that he had to complain of his sons' drinking habits.—Remanded.

NORTH LONDON.

EMBEZZLING OVER £1 WEEK.

"I've had the money, I've been too good-hearted," admitted Walter Timbrell, 31, of 8, Hawksley-rd., Stoke Newington, when charged with embezzling 4s. 1d. on Oct. 30, received by him on behalf of his employers, the West London Dairy Co., Manor-rd., Stoke Newington.—Prisoner pleaded guilty, and it was stated that his delinquencies amounted to £25, covering a period of six months.—Mr. C. V. Young, for the defence, said prisoner had been in the employ of this company for 15 years, and had given every satisfaction, excepting this embezzlement. He had worked up the company's business to a great extent. He did not drink or bet; but had been too good-hearted. Several of his friends were out of work, and he had assisted them with prosecutors' money, in the hope, however, that they would find employment and repay him.—Mr. West, general manager of the company, said he could not accept Mr. Young's statement as to where the money had gone.—Mr. Hutson pointed out to prisoner that he had been embezzling at the rate of over £1 a week.—Ten weeks' hard labour.

TOTTENHAM.

BURGLAR FROM NEXT DOOR.

A story of an alleged next-door burglar was told when Elijah Francis, of Folkestone, 41, Edmonton, was charged with burglariously breaking and entering the house of Wm. H. Harper, his next-door neighbour.—Harper, at midnight, heard a noise downstairs, and going to his lodger he asked him to keep a watch from the back window whilst he went downstairs. The lodger, who was a prisoner, leave by the back door he shouted, "All right, Elijah, I know you." Prisoner went into his own house, where he was afterwards arrested. At the station he told the sergeant where he could find the sel-

dering-iron with which he forced the window. Nothing had been stolen.—Remanded.

ACTON.

THE LADY LODGER.

A man complained about a "lady lodger," and said she made use of objectionable language.—The Clerk: What does she say?—Applicant: Oh, "Give her notice."—She says she will play me up worse than ever if I do.—You must give her notice to get rid of her.

KINGSTON.

"THE ADVENTURES OF ELIZABETH."

"He would have stabbed me with this table knife if it had not been for my little girl," said Mrs. Elizabeth Maakell in giving evidence against her husband, a general dealer, of Clarke's Cottages, Weston Park, who was charged with assaulting his wife on the previous day.—Prosecutrix, whose right eye was badly blackened, said that prisoner went out to Kingston Cattle Fair, and returned a few hours later the worse for drink. He struck her a violent blow in the eye, and when she spoke to him about getting drunk he picked up a table-knife and threatened to stab her.—Prisoner said his wife kept on nagging at him until he lost his temper. He admitted the offence and also the three children (two prisoners). Do you think you could live a peaceful life with your wife if we don't send you to prison this time?—Prisoner: Yes, sir.—Chairman: Then we fine you £1 and costs or a month's imprisonment.

INQUESTS.

STORY OF "MIXED TWINS."

Singular evidence was given at an inquest held at the London Hospital on Thos. Demar, the one-month-old son of a hawker, of Essex-st., Mile End.—Mrs. Demar identified deceased as her son.—Coroner: Are you quite sure about the sex, because you held the doctor it was a girl (laughter).—Witness: I made a mistake. (Laughter.) Deceased was one of twins, and she got them mixed. (Laughter.)—Coroner: I held an inquest on the other when it was four days old. I think? Yes, sir.—Witness added that deceased was ill for several days, and eventually she took him to the hospital, where he died.—Coroner: How do you account for the child being so thin?—Witness: I have not had much to eat, my husband has been out of work.—Dr. Fearnside, house physician, stated that the child died before reaching the ward. The mother said she couldn't wait, but would come back later on.—A Juror: Then she didn't know the child was dead?—Witness: No. She gave the name of the child as Rosie, and when I told her it was a boy she said, "Oh, it must be Thomas, then." (Laughter.) The weight was 3lb. 13oz. instead of 8lb. In his opinion deceased had not been washed since birth. Death was due to marasmus and premature birth.—The jury, having commented on the mother's evidence, returned a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, and left the case in the hands of the N.S.P.C.C.

T ADIES' AND CREDITORS.

In consequence of business worries Jas. Moon, 64, milkman, lately carrying on business in Lime-st., Battersea, committed suicide in his stable.—At the inquest it was stated that deceased was formerly a prosperous tradesman in Bristol, but had lately been greatly depressed. He had recently told a friend that he was unable to meet his creditors, but he had never threatened his life. On Thursday morning Wm. Treeby, of Wellington-rd., Battersea, took deceased man his supply of milk, and was surprised to find him hanging from the rafters of his stable, which was fastened to a hook in beam. Moon had stepped off an up-turned pail, and his toes were touching the ground.—Dr. Freyberger said death was due to strangulation.—Verdict: Suicide during temporary insanity.

IN FEAR OF DETECTIVES.

"The detectives are after me; don't let them get near." Such were the expressions of a fishmonger named Wm. Littlewood, of Feltham, during the night preceding his death. At the inquest the witness stated that deceased had been taking considerable quantities of drink recently, and had delusions about detectives. On Friday morning one of the children called her attention to the fact that deceased was making a noise in the garden, and on going to him she found that he had cut his throat from ear to ear. P.C. Newell stopped the bleeding by pressing his fingers on the arteries, and when the doctor arrived he exclaimed, "Well done, Newell! You have done the best thing possible." Death, however, followed after removal to the hospital.—Verdict: Suicide during temporary insanity.

J.P.'S MOTOR FATALITY.

The circumstances of a fatality arising from an accident caused by a motor-car driven by the owner, Mr. W. G. Lobnitz, a Middlesex J.P., were investigated at Hounslow by Mr. R. Kemp.—On the night of Oct. 31, Fdk. Stoker, an Isleworth coppersmith, was wheeling a barrow of vegetables along the London road when the motor-car ran into it, overthrowing him and necessitating his removal to Hounslow Hospital, where he died on Nov. 11.—Mr. Lobnitz said that owing to the fog he was travelling as slowly as possible with a ten-horse power car, in which there were two lamps. He left abundant room between the car and the barrow. The first he knew of deceased and his barrow was when his car collided with the latter, causing it to jump up and deceased fell down. The accident took place at one of the darkest parts of the road.—Station-sergt. Davies said that he took a statement from deceased two hours before death. In his opinion, the accident was due to the darkness of the night.—Verdict of accidental death.—The jury expressed the opinion that there was no blame attaching to the driver of the car.

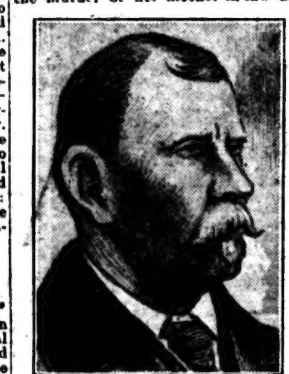
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FLUENT DETECTIVE.

THE RETIREMENT OF SERGT. WEGNER.

Sergt. Wegner, who yesterday retired from Scotland Yard, has had a long and useful service in the Metropolitan Police. Born at Riga in 1856, he came to England, and in 1882 joined the force. He served at various stations, including Leman-st. and Somerset Town, and was promoted to Scotland Yard in 1889. Since then he has been actively engaged in dealing with the alien criminals who infest London. Many notorious rogues have been, through his instrumentality, deported to their respective countries, there to meet with the penalties they sought to escape by coming to England. Perhaps the most recent one of importance was the lawyer, Karl Hau. This individual was in residence at the Hotel Cecil when Wegner called upon him and arrested him on a warrant charging him with the murder of his mother-in-law at



SERG. WEGNER.

Baden-Baden. The story of his crime afforded sensational copy for the Press in two continents, and after a trial lasting some weeks he was convicted and sentenced to death. This sentence was afterwards commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

Adventurous Career.

Naturally, Wegner's career has been full of adventure, and on several occasions he has had to deal with very dangerous criminals. On one occasion, while conveying a prisoner from London to Dover, en route for France, he had a violent struggle in the train, but ultimately the prisoner was conveyed in safe custody to his destination. Again, when he arrested the Anarchist, Hoppe, at Westminster in 1893 there was a strong opposition on the part of the prisoner. He was finally overcome and conveyed to Kensington Police Station. In 1895 he arrested Count Ebnich Friedrich Thomas von Altheim in Westbury on a sensational charge. The Count, a scion of the noble house of Leiningen, was tried at the Old Bailey, convicted, and sentenced to two years' hard labour. On this occasion, as on many others, Wegner was commended for his alacrity in bringing the prisoner to justice. Many bank robbers, jewel thieves, and forgers have had reason to remember their meeting with this stalwart man from the Yard.

Forged Bonds.

Louis Lecomte, who decamped from Paris in 1892 with jewellery to the value of £5,000, has the ill-luck to have such a chance meeting. It was in London, and the £5,000 being returned to France, and for absconding with the latter Louis got seven years. The case of Theophile Dombrowski is perhaps one of Sergt. Wegner's most interesting cases. Towards the end of 1893 numerous forged Russian State Lottery bonds were found in circulation. It was strongly suspected that they were being produced in London, and Wegner was deputed to keep observation. This he did so well that for three weeks he lived under the same roof as Dombrowski, and during his absence made careful searches, which resulted in the discovery of every implement that could be called into requisition for the forgeries. When Dombrowski was arrested he had in his possession bonds to the value of several thousands of pounds. He was convicted at Maidstone Assizes in May, 1894, and was sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude. For the services rendered by the police on this occasion a reward was granted by the Russian Government. A lively experience it must have been for Sergt. Wegner when he had

A Chase on the House-tops.

after a female criminal. This was a lady, Claire Rosenberg by name, but with various aliases. She was the servant of a millowner of Leimbach, in Austria. One night while the family were away she disappeared, and 800 guineas and the jewellery of her master and mistress vanished with her. She was traced to London, and a warrant was issued for her arrest. When Wegner called at the house she fastened the front door and sought safety by taking to the roof and gaining access to a neighbouring house. But Wegner tracked her, and following through the skylight finally arrested her in the kitchen.

LADY KILLED BY A MOTOR.

An inquest was held at Greenwich on Annie Wilson, 49, the wife of a solicitor's clerk, of Shell-rd., Lewisham. The lady was knocked down and run over on Leamouth-hill, Lewisham, by a motor-car driven by Albert Francis Bailey, of Radner-gardens, Twickenham.—Arthur Holyoak, an assistant in the employment of the Metropolitan Gas Co., who witnessed the accident, said he saw Mrs. Wilson cross the road and suddenly stop as if uncertain what to do. The car turned away from her, but she went on, and was knocked down, both front wheels passing over her. In his opinion, the accident was due to the hesitation displayed by the lady. The car was going between eight and ten miles an hour, and the driver made every effort to avoid knocking the lady down. This evidence was corroborated by several other independent witnesses, and after the driver had given evidence the jury returned a verdict of accidental death, and exonerated him from all blame.



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Non-Coms. and Plain Clothes.
There is a new regulation from head quarters that will be thoroughly welcomed in the sergeants' mess, where it

(Late) City Imperial Volunteers.

It is a little remarkable that while serving the units of the C.I.V. raised in the City of London in 1855, the annual gatherings to commemorate the part they took in the war in South Africa, the corps as a whole has not hitherto had a festive reunion for the purpose of celebrating the centenary of the fact that the idea has occurred to someone to repair the omission, and that on Saturday, Dec. 12, in the Guildhall of London, where the majority of the members of the C.I.V. were sworn in nearly 40 years ago, a splendid affair of the corps will be held, to be completed by a concert at which the new Lord Mayor will preside. Lieut.-Gen. Sir W. L. Mansel-Pleydell, commander of the C.I.V. in South Africa, said that such was possible of the battery, mounted infantry, and infantry battalion will re-

Quite a number of competitions are now open to club teams and there are also a few for which individuals may compete and these will be more. The individual and team events at a small village club particularly require opportunities for testing his skill in wide open competition, and something must be done to encourage the efforts in marksmanship. In the current number of "The Rifleman" the winter prize competitions have been resumed, and the prizes are good. They will provide another sort of rifle shooting in plain bull's-eye contest to which most clubs restrict their members.

Close Shooting.

These notes are written some days before the meeting of the London League and the results of the recent scores made indicate that in the usual events there will be several top scores and many few for places in the prize list. It is not necessary to have other proof of the magnificence of the present targets and scoring to test the highest skill of the miniature marksman. What is needed is a reduction in the size of the target, and the extension of the short ranges to 30 and 50 yards, and the

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On relinquishing the municipality of Portsmouth, Mr. F. G. Foster wrote thanking the officers of his Majesty's ships which contributed to the £3,500 raised for the depositors of those who were taken alive in the Tiger and the other stragglers.

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VISIT TO THE GUILDHALL.
THE KING AND QUEEN OF SWEDEN.
 On Wednesday, 18th November, 1908.

ROUTE OF ROYAL PROCESSION WITHIN THE METROPOLITAN POLICE DISTRICT.
 The following Regulations have been made by the Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis, under the provisions of the Act 2 & 3 Vict. c. 47, and are to be observed by all persons on the day of the visit.

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THE SUFFRAGISTS. TALK OF THE PEOPLE.

DEMONSTRATION AT THE GATES OF HOLLOWAY.

The Suffragists carried out their threat yesterday to demonstrate outside Holloway Gaol as a protest against the treatment which Mrs. Pankhurst, one of the leaders of the movement, is receiving in the prison. Kingsway was the gathering-point for the procession. The unfavourable weather appeared to have dampened the ardour of many, as only about 200 put in an appearance, although the start was delayed. In a dog-cart at the head of the procession were Mrs. Drummond "the General," who was released because prison treatment was injuring her health, Mrs. Cobden Sanderson, Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, Miss Ogden, and Miss Tuke. A number of recently released women were seen among the women who were in prison followed in brake on which placards were displayed inviting the public to come in their thousands.

To Join in the Protest.

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst carried the standard of the Women's Social and Political Union, which organised the procession. There were not many people at the start, and those who were there were not particularly sympathetic. Outside Holloway, however, the procession became assembled, and a huge body of police was in attendance, including a number of mounted men and plain clothes officers. The proportion of inspectors and sergeants seemed to be unusually large. At a convenient distance several squads of men were held in reserve in case they should be required. The police were evidently determined to be ready for any emergency. To the disappointment of the crowd the Suffragists were not allowed to demonstrate in front of the main gates, but were intercepted by the police, who forced them to keep to the road leading round the back of the prison.

SUFFRAGISTS EJECTED.

Last evening at Bristol Mr. Birrell was the chief speaker at a meeting held in support of the Licensing Bill, at which resolutions were carried until Mr. Birrell spoke towards the end of the meeting. The presence of Suffragists, which was expected, in spite of precautions, became evident, and disorderly scenes were witnessed. At every intersection a Suffragist was turned out, about half a dozen being thus treated. There was a good deal of excitement in the process, careful though it was.

AGAINST ALL TESTS.

N.U.T. AND EDUCATION COMMISSION.

Yesterday, at Leicester, Mr. Pickles, ex-president of the National Union of Teachers, stated the policy of the union with regard to the proposed Education Bill. The union, he said, was against all tests for teachers, save those of character and capacity, and was opposed to any attempt to restrict the right of entry, and thoroughly opposed to allowing assistant teachers in council schools to volunteer to give denominational religious instruction. He thought the fourth clause of Mr. Birrell's Bill was the finest compromise that had yet been suggested on the religious question, but a good point in the present measure was that it threw the onus on the national education.

ATTITUDE OF LONDON TEACHERS.

At a largely attended meeting of the London Teachers' Association yesterday, at Russell Square, it was unanimously agreed:—That this association strenuously opposes any compromise on the education question which will (1) grant the right of entry to denominationalists into council schools during school hours; (2) allow head or assistant teachers to give sectarian teaching; (3) permit any creed test to be applied to head or assistant teachers; and (4) permit any kind of school to contract out of a national system.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

LAUNCHING OF SIR C. FURNESS'S SCHEME.

Yesterday, Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., delivered a speech at West Ham, in practical illustration of his scheme for co-partnership in the shipyards under his control on the N.E. Coast. Sir Christopher said that the terms of the decisions of the men 12 months hence, when they had given the scheme a year's trial, did not occasion him the slightest anxiety, because he believed that, having once experienced the practical working of the scheme, they would be co-partners for the rest of their lives. Concluding, he said: "Never let us forget that in working and striving for this happy end we may be informing and influencing more than ourselves; never let us forget that our success may in time mean a development among its character and extent which may play a large part in saving our good, sturdy England from these wastes of industry, trade, and commerce, which every now and again threaten so gravely to work havoc with the welfare of our people."

FATAL LANDSLIP AT ERITH.

Yesterday, an inquest was held at Erith on Chas. Ponting, 64, who was killed by a fall of earth at Abbey Wood, where road widening is being carried out by a number of the unemployed, under the Erith Districts Committee. Another man was seriously injured by the accident. The landslide was attributed by witnesses to the effects of the recent frost and sudden change to mild weather. In returning a verdict of death by misadventure, the jury expressed a hope that in future supports would be used wherever the bank appeared dangerous.

SETTING FIRE TO A BABY.

At Epping yesterday a lad named Rogers was summoned for setting fire to a baby in a perambulator. A nurse was wheeling the child down High-st., and Rogers, it was stated, threw a lighted firework which set the baby's clothing alight. He was ordered to pay 25 damages and costs.

The Turncoat's Reward.

Surely never was more false made over a repentant sinner than over a turncoat Unionist by the Radical party. You have only to be false to your friends and your political convictions to gain either place or honour at the hands of the enemy. Churchill and Seely have already been paid in full for "going over." T. W. Russell hardly counts. He has jumped from one political frying-pan to the other like a parched pea, and now the British List shows more than one day of Radical gratitude to those who pass over.

Latest Recipients.

There is Sir E. Hatch, whose claim to distinction and honour is that having sat for some years as a Unionist member for Gorton (Lancs.), he took the Free Trade excuse for becoming a Radical. A baronetcy is his reward. Then there is Sir F. Allison. He was a Sheriff in the same year as Col. Probyn, but he has turned Radical, so that one is chosen for Knighthood while the other is left. And what about Mr. Webb? We beg his pardon—Sir J. H. Daniel and his adventures in Sunday journalism? It is too funny.

No Surrender.

If ever in recent years the country demanded of the House of Lords that they should do their duty, it is in the present moment. In a few days we will have before them the most unworkable Bill that Radical vindictiveness and Radical mismanagement has ever concocted. It is not necessary for me to even refer to the measure by name. Every reader of this column will recognise it in the above description. Rumour has it that the "weakness" in the Lords. I do not believe them. Never was a mandate more clear. Never was the wish of the country more clearly defined.

A Momentous Declaration.

Everyone will hail with profound satisfaction the reply of the Prime Minister to Mr. Arthur Lee's question as to the Government's interpretation of what is known as the "two-Power standard." For a generation it has been held at the Admiralty that in order to ensure our supremacy on the seas it was necessary for our fleet to be equal to the combined fleets of any two Powers, plus a margin of 10 per cent. "For fear of accidents." Considerable doubts have recently arisen in the minds of many as to whether or not the present Ministry adhered to that definition. Much talk there has been of "supremacy," but up to Friday last no positive declaration of policy. Now, however, we have Mr. Asquith's assurance that the Government will fall into line with their predecessors.

Deeds Not Words.

So far so good, but none the less it is necessary that the new committee of members of Parliament, banded together to keep watch upon national administration, should continue to the Government for a fulfilment of the promise which has now been extracted. To the present output of warships has fallen far below the normal standard. If the Government adhere to the declaration made by Mr. Asquith as to the maintenance of the two-Power standard, a big increase will be necessary in the early part of next year, and "Little England" will exert all the pressure of which it is capable. Moreover, paper supremacy is useless. The ships must be built to keep our supremacy from being ended in a night. Stores, too, must be replenished. In short, the havoc of the past

PARAGRAPHS FROM ALL PARTS.

privately conferred upon Lord Lister at his country house. Lord Lister has written, thanking the citizens of the Borough of his birth, and regretting his health would not allow him to receive the distinction in public.

into the water. Jas. Leek, master of the Devonport, and Ernest Scrivener, mate of the Unity, were drowned, the

At the Board of Trade inquiry held at Liverpool into the loss of the steamer *City of Dundee* and the lives in Cardigan Bay, the court found that the disaster was due

J.P., who recently entered upon his 100th year. Mr. Peter, who is the oldest magistrate in the kingdom, has filled the office of mayor

At Wolverhampton, Eliza Babb married woman, was fined 40s. costs for acting as an unregistered money-lender. Defendant lent sum-

brated her birthday by invi
everybody in the village over her
age to ten. Fifteen old men
women sat down to table, and

LONDON'S POOR.
Over 16,000 children in the L.C.C. schools, states a return just published were reported during the last week in October as being in a necessitous

NEXT WEEK, "I WANT TO BE AMONG THE BOYS." SONG BY MISS LENA VERDI.

SUNG BY HAL FORDE.

This song may be sung in public without Fee or Licence, except at Theatres or Music Halls. For permission to sing apply
The Music Co., 3, Berners Street, Oxford Street, London, W.

Written by JOHN P. HARRINGTON.

Composed by T .M. DOWN.

Allegro con brio.

Flauto.

KEY A

1. Have you heard the sto-ry of the sim-ple lit-tle girl..... Who wan-der'd down..... to shep-herd's
2. In a co-o-y corn-cr, etc a etc, he let's us hear..... He'd wan-der'd down..... to shep-herd's
3. They were sam-pling side-shows, when they met a no-tary..... Who'd wan-der'd down..... to shep-herd's

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 2/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The music is in a simple, folk-like style.

Bush To view the En-ter-bi-ty, Nev-er once dis-mayed, the wan-der'd

Bush! He told her that my sis-ter
Bush! Joe says with her - re! His dar-ling wife stood there! She'd wan-dar'd

The musical notation consists of two staves. The upper staff is a treble clef melody in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It begins with a quarter rest followed by eighth notes G-A-B-A-G-F-E-D-C-B-A-G. The lower staff is a piano accompaniment consisting of chords: G major (quarter), A major (quarter), B major (half), F# minor (half), E major (quarter), D major (quarter), C major (half), and B major (half).

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. The score is written on two staves. The top staff is for the vocal line, and the bottom staff is for the piano accompaniment. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 2/4. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The piano accompaniment begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. The score includes a variety of musical notations, including notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics 'The Rose Tree' are written below the vocal line.

down to Shep-herd's Bush! When a John-ny said, "Ma Chur-to, You've a
Out! at Shep-herd's Bush! Said the girl, "Of course, you're sin-ner! John-ny's
down to Shep-herd's Bush! And her es-cort-and sis-as-ter!-Was the

The first system of musical notation is written on a single five-line staff. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#), indicating the key of D major. The melody consists of a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written above the staff, aligned with the notes. The first line of lyrics is 'down to Shep-herd's Bush! When a John-ny said, "Ma Chur-to, You've a'. The second line is 'Out! at Shep-herd's Bush! Said the girl, "Of course, you're sin-ner! John-ny's'. The third line is 'down to Shep-herd's Bush! And her es-cort-and sis-as-ter!-Was the'. The notation includes various musical symbols such as beams, slurs, and dynamic markings like 'p' (piano) and 'f' (forte).

The first staff of music is a single melodic line in G major, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody begins on G4 and proceeds through a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, ending on a half note G4.

smile that's bright and mer-ry! Are you French or
 care-be-gun to sin-ge, Ho-land! Ooh, me
 lamb-kin's lord and mas-ter, Oh, is, is, her

English? Tell me
 cher-ah! like a
 cup of grief was

pray!.....
 kind.....
 fall!.....


I've come down here on
 You're all go, too, I
 That crowd isn't though the d

A musical score for the song 'The Rose Tree'. It features a treble and bass staff. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in common time, with a tempo marking of 'Moderato'. The lyrics are written below the bass staff.

plea-sure. And if you have a - - lei-sure. I'll be your sharp-herd! So from me don't
gath-er 'em! When the preat-ty lamb said, "Bath-er! They both old per-son. I don't
hop it. Then she see the John-ny, cop it. That poor old sharp-herd. He lost all his
stray!"

CHORUS.

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The first system of the musical score for 'The Rose Tree' is shown. It consists of two staves. The upper staff is for the vocal part, featuring a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody begins with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and then a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lower staff is for the piano accompaniment, featuring a bass clef and a key signature of one flat. It begins with a half note G3, followed by a quarter note A3, and then a series of eighth and sixteenth notes. The system ends with a double bar line.

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